

Page 3, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following heading:

C6 --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

between lines 22 and 23, insert the following heading:

C7 --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 8 as follows:

C8 --As can be seen from Fig. 3, the roots of adjacent plants 6 will become intertwined, certainly if relatively long cultivation over a number of weeks is used. Under normal circumstances this would impede the removal of the plant 6 from the accommodation 2 concerned. Because of the presence of cutting edges 12, however, the relatively soft root tissue can be simply cut through on exerting a pull on plants 6. Because the root tissue is relatively soft, the requirements in respect of the "sharpness" of cutting edges 12 are not too stringent and such a cutting edge can easily be produced directly by injection moulding with conventional chamfering.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-13.

Add the following new claims:

C9 --14. (new) A plant tray, comprising a plastic body having a number of accommodations for receiving plants, each accommodation being delimited by peripheral boundary walls having

a thickness of less than 2.5 mm, wherein, in a use position, each accommodation is provided at the top with an insertion opening for the plant and is at least partially open at the bottom; the opening at the bottom being delimited by a cutting edge acting in the direction in which the plant is removed from the accommodation.

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--15. (new) The plant tray according to claim 14, further comprising clamping means for the plant in each accommodation.

--16. (new) The plant tray according to claim 15, wherein said clamping means comprise plates extending increasingly further into said accommodation from the insertion opening to the bottom of the accommodation.

--17. (new) The plant tray according to claim 16, wherein said plates are substantially perpendicular to the peripheral boundary of said accommodation.

--18. (new) The plant tray according to claim 15, wherein said clamping means have sharp cutting edges.

--19. (new) The plant tray according to claim 15, wherein each accommodation comprises at least three clamping means.

--20. (new) The plant tray according to claim 15, wherein said clamping means comprise strips of material fixed at the top of said accommodations for resiliently clamping the plants.

--21. (new) The plant tray according to claim 14, wherein said accommodations are hexagonal, and arranged in a honeycomb pattern.

--22. (new) The plant tray according to claim 21, wherein said clamping means extend from a corner point of said hexagon.

--23. (new) The plant tray according to claim 14, wherein said accommodation is designed to take a tulip bulb.

--24. (new) A cultivation system comprising a plant tray having a plastic body and a number of accommodations for receiving plants, each accommodation being delimited by peripheral boundary walls having a thickness of less than 2.5 mm, each accommodation being provided at the top with an insertion opening for the plant, and being at least partially open at the bottom, the opening at the bottom being delimited by a cutting edge acting in the direction in which the plant is removed from the accommodation; a container which takes said plant tray; and a free space delimited between the bottom of the tray and the base of the container.